



H A R L E S, by the grace of **G O D**, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lords,

Heralds, Pursebants and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs, In that part specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as by severall Lawes and Acts of Our Parliament, especially by the one hundred and thirty one of the Eight Parliament of King James the Sixth, Our Grand-father of blessed memory (and renewed and ratified by Us, with advice of Our Estates of Parliament, presently convened) It is statuted and ordained, That none of Our Subjects, of whatsoever quality, state or function, Convene or Assemble themselves, for holding Councils, Conventions or Assemblies (except in the ordinary judgements) without Our Warrant, or express Licence, had and obtained thereto, under the pain made against such as unlawfully convocate Our Lieges: And that notwithstanding thereof, there be divers persons under the name of Quakers, Anabaptists and Fifth-monarchy-men, avowed Enemies to Our lawfull Authority and Government, who upon specious and religious Pretences, at unlawfull times and places, keep frequent Meetings and Conventicles together: And we, and Our Estates of Parliament, considering what hath been the cruel Tenets, and bloody Practices of such in former times, and what Insurrections and Murthers have been committed by them in Our Kingdom of England, within these few dayes, and of what bad consequence their Meetings may prove at this time. Our Will is heretofore, and we charge you and straitly commands, That incontinent thir Our Letters seen, ye passe, and in Our Name and Authority, inhibit and discharge all Meetings and Conventions of the persons foresaid, upon whatsoever colour or pretext the same may be, under the pains contained in Our Acts of Parliament, made against unlawfull Convocations of Our Lieges: And for the better preventing of such unlawfull Meetings, and of any prejudice may ensue thereby, we do hereby command all Magistrates of Our Burghs, Sheriffs, Constables, Justices of the Peace and other Our publick Ministers, To make exact search from time to time, in all places where any such Meeting hath been, shall, or may be suspected; and to apprehend every such person, who shall keep, or frequent these Meetings, and to commit them to the next Prison, therein to remain till further order be taken with them, by such as shall have Our Authority for that effect; And ordains you to make publication hereof at the Mercat Cross of Our Royal Burroughs, where-through none pretend ignorance thereof, As ye will answer to Us thereupon: The which to do, we commit to you, conjunctly and severally, Our full power, by thir Our Letters, &c.

Given at *Edinburgh* the 22. day of *January*, 1661. and of Our Reign the twelfth year.

A. P R I M E R O S E, Cls. Reg.



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